REMARKS

The Office Action mailed September 8, 2005 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 23 and 24 are added. Claims 1-24 are pending, the independent claims remaining 1, 4, 6, 8, 15, 16, 18 and 19. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21 and 22 are amended. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,798,785 to Hendricks et al. ("Hendricks").

Claim 1, as amended, recites, ". . . a first classifier module trained with the identified first programming category to provide a recommendation."

Support for the amendment of claim 1 is found in the specification (e.g., page 9, lines 1-3).

Hendricks fails to disclose or suggest this aspect of claim 1.

Instead, Hendricks conducts a mere keyword search (col. 30, lines 33 and 34). Hendricks, at best, has a keyword matching program that identifies the occurrence of a recitation of a predefined category in a program abstract found by means of a keyword search through the program abstract database.

All of the pre-existing claims, except claim 8 and its dependent claims, have been amended in the same manner, and are likewise believed not to be anticipated by Hendricks.

Claim 8 slightly revises the language, stating, ". . . a program record module operable to identify a first programming category that has been selected from

among a plurality of programming categories for <u>training a first classifier module to</u>

<u>provide a recommendation. . .</u>"

Claim 8 is deemed patentable over Hendricks for the same reason(s).

Moreover, the current applicants see no motivation to modify Hendricks

into an embodiment that matches the language of claim 1, or the other pre-existing

claims.

Claim 5, as amended, further recites, ". . . <u>specifically selecting</u>, by a user

of said method, said <u>program</u>, said receiving occurring in response to said selecting."

Support for the amendment of claim 5 is found in the specification (e.g.,

page 4, lines 23-26; page 6, lines 20-25).

The Hendricks user, by contrast, selects merely a <u>category</u> of

programming.

Support for the amendment of claim 9 is found in the specification (e.g.,

page 6, lines 1 and 8).

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over

Hendricks and the applicants' allegedly admitted prior art ("AAAPA").

The AAAPA in the present specification states that the decision tree

classifier module and the Bayesian classifier module are each one of many prior art

computer programs.

Claim 21 is amended in the same manner all the independent claims are

with respect to the term classifier module, and is deemed patentable over Hendricks and

AAAPA for at least this reason.

Notably, the Office Action seems to merely assume that motivation would have existed for the combination of references the Office Action applies to claim 21. The applicants traverse the suggestion by the Office Action that motivation would have existed.

Each of the other rejected claims depends from a respective base claim, and is deemed to distinguish patentably over the reference at least due to its dependency.

New claims 23 and 24 find support in the same portion of the disclosure cited above for claim 5.
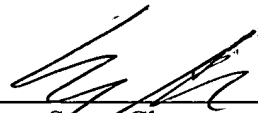
For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

A check for $100.00 (= 2 x $50.00) is enclosed in payment of the fee for

adding two, additional claims in excess of twenty total.

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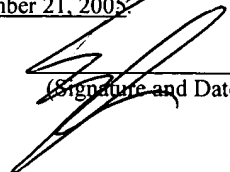
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